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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-39 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 21-26 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-20 and 27-39 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1,2,3,6,11,12,13,16,27,29,34-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lozano et al (6356784).

Lozano teaches an electrical stimulation lead 522 and a stimulation source 16.

Figure 2 shows an infusion pump 10 along with an infusion catheter 422.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 28,30,31,32,33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lozano et al (6356784).

To create a burr hole or use stereotactic imaging are considered to be standard in the art, and thus would have been considered to be obvious to the ordinary artisan in the field. Further, anchoring is necessary to avoid slippage of the lead

and therefore improper treatment. The lead of Lozano is considered to be 'near' the brain stem of the patient.

5. Claims 9,10,19,20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lozano et al (6356784) in view of Howard (6263225).

Howard shows a delivery port 141 that is used to deliver various drugs to the patient. It would have been obvious to use such with the device of Lozano in order to avoid using two catheters, which takes up more space.

6. Claims 4,5,14,15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lozano et al (6356784) in view of Mullett (5121754).

Mullett teaches a catheter which includes a stylet and which changes shape when the stylet is removed. It would have been obvious to use such a stylet and catheter since they are common in the art and allow for stimulation at various sites that a straight lead would not be able to stimulate at.

7. Claims 7,8,17,18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lozano et al (6356784) in view of Putz (4869255).

Putz teaches an array of electrodes 30 which are in contact with the brain. It would have been obvious to use such with the device of Lozano since such an array provides for more complete coverage of the desired stimulation area.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 21-26 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Scott M. Getzow whose telephone number is (703) 308-2997. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Angela Sykes can be reached on (703) 308-5181. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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